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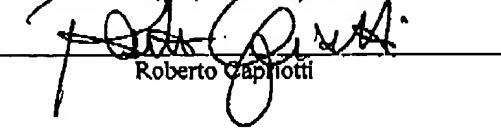
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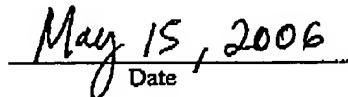
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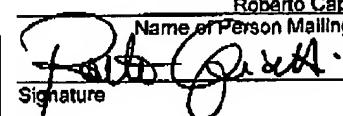
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In response to the Office Action mailed on February 15, 2006, with the three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 15, 2006, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 16 of this paper.